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Marketing and Regulatory Programs

Agricultural Marketing Service

P.O.Box 96456 Washington, DC 20090-6456 PLEASE NOTE: EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2002, THE USE OF DOMESTIC ELECTRONIC BID ENTRY SYSTEM (DEBES) WILL BE MANDATORY.

**Please Note:** 

New vendors and subcontractors must supply all required paperwork (Solicitation Mailing List Application. SF-129, Appendix 1, Financial Statement, and 3 Reference Letters) one week prior to bid opening (October 22, 2002) or your company may be considered non-responsible.

FV-211

Fruit and Vegetable Programs

Date Issued: October 9, 2002

Fresh Apples (Pilot), Announcement FV-211, Invitation 026

The Department of Agriculture (USDA) invites offers to sell fresh fruit as indicated below and per the Announcement for use in child nutrition programs and other domestic food assistance programs. Offers are due by 1 p.m., Central Time, Tuesday, October 22, 2002. Acceptances will be announced by midnight, Tuesday, October 29, 2002. Deliveries are to be made from January 31, 2003, through April 30, 2003.

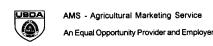
Offers are invited from the trade for 6,468 cases of fresh apples (pilot) in 37 lb. cartons to a shipping container.

No offer will be made to 8(a) vendors on this invitation.

Bids must be submitted electronically via the Domestic Electronic Bid Entry System (DEBES) on the Internet. Offerors who submit bids using other than DEBES, will be deemed non-responsive. Offeror must be assigned a Logon ID by USDA to access the site. The Internet address is: <a href="http://pcsd.usda.gov/debes">http://pcsd.usda.gov/debes</a> which translates into a connection of <a href="https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe?">https://pcsd.usda.gov:3077/mdbc1000.exe?</a> Once connected, follow the online procedures. A 'HELP' button provides detailed instructions for using the system or call 202-720-4517 for assistance.

Bidders are cautioned to bid only quantities they can reasonably expect to produce and deliver in accordance with the contract. Inquiries about Announcement FV-211, Appendix-1, the Commodity Specification for Fresh Fruit dated June 1999, or this Invitation should be directed to the Contracting Officer, USDA/AMS/Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Commodity Procurement Branch STOP 0239, 1400 Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, DC 20250-9410, telephone (202) 720-4517. An electronic version of this invitation can be obtained through the World Wide Web via the Commodity Procurement Home Page at http://www.ams.usda.gov/cp.

Purchases will be made on a delivered basis, subject to Announcement FV-211, to the listed locations. Delivery by trucks or railcars is optional to the contractor, except for those destination(s) which specify delivery by truck only or rail only.



## Split shipments are indicated by single asterisk.

ANNOUNCEMENT : FV211

PREFERENCE

INVITATION

: 026

CODES:

RD-RED DELICIOUS

COMM GROUP : 34 FRUIT, FRESH

J -JONATHAN

COMM TYPE

M -MCINTOSH

PACK SIZE

: 25 APPLES, GOLDEN DELICIOUS : 37 37 LB CARTON

ITEM	DESTINATION		TRANS	QUANTITY	PRICE PER	PREFERENCE		
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002	ALTOONA SUNBURY	PA PA	TRUCK TRUCK		582 342		RD	J	M
003	PHILADELPHIA	PA	TRUCK	ONLY	924		RD	J	M
004	PHILADELPHIA SUNBURY	PA PA	TRUCK TRUCK		628 296	·	RD	J	M
005	SUNBURY WILKES-BARRE	PA PA	TRUCK TRUCK		647 277		RD	J	M
006	SUNBURY WILKES-BARRE	PA PA	TRUCK TRUCK		656 268		RD	J.	M

TOTAL QUANTITY FOR COMMODITY TYPE

6,468

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6,468

Susan E. Proden Contracting Officer

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